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CITY SPONSORS THREE TELEVISED CANDIDATES FORUMS

Community input invited ...

The City of Santa Clara will sponsor three forums for the upcoming November municipal election. The offices being considered are Mayor, Council Seat 2 and Council Seat 5.

The initial Candidates Forum will be held on September 11th, with the First Word Forum following on October 9th and the Final Word Forum on November 3rd. All forums will begin at 7:00 PM in the Santa Clara City Council Chambers at 1500 Warburton Avenue. Parking is free. They can also be viewed online at the City's website or on City Cable Channel 15.

The upcoming Candidate Forum held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM is co-organized by the League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara and the City of Santa Clara's Ethics & Values Program. The League of Women Voters neither supports or opposes candidates for municipal office, and is a nonpartisan organization committed to providing voters with unbiased candidate information. The City of Santa Clara's Ethics & Values Program is a non-partisan, non-political educational program which supports the City of Santa Clara's Code of Ethics & Values.

The public is invited to attend and participate in all of the Forums, and may submit topics and questions in advance for potential discussion. For the upcoming September 11th Candidates Forum, topics and questions can be submitted in a sealed envelope to the City Clerk's Office or via email to the City's Ethics Consultant, Dr. Tom Shanks at drshanks@comcast.net, no later than 12:00 noon on September 10th. Names of submitting parties will be kept confidential.

All of the topics and questions will be considered by the review panel and may be rephrased for comprehensiveness and consistency. Based on the number of topics and questions received, not all may find their way into the two-hour Forum. The Forum moderator and question review panel are committed to a robust candidate discussion, and ensuring that questions model the City's values of fairness and respect. The City's *Code of Ethics & Values* as well as the City's *Behavioral Standards for Public Meetings* can be found on the City's website at www.santaclaraca.gov.

Information regarding the subject matter of future Forums and due-dates for the submittal of questions will be available shortly. More information can be found by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 408-615-2220 or clerk@santaclaraca.gov, or Dr. Shanks at drshanks@comcast.net. For additional information on the City's Vote Ethics program, please see www.voteethics.net.

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